

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1652
PATENT
ATTY. DOCKET NO. CIT1130-1**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hay and Hawkins Art Unit: 1652
Application No.: 09/270,983 Examiner: R.G. Hutson
Filed: March 17, 1999 Conf. No. 3362
Title: FUSION PROTEINS FOR IDENTIFYING PROTEASES, PROTEASE
TARGET SITES AND REGULATORS OF PROTEASE ACTIVITY IN
LIVING CELLS (Amended)

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Attn: Examiner R.G. Hutson
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 23), which has been made final, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested. It is noted that three months from the mailing date of the Office Action is May 25, 2003, which is a Sunday, and that Monday, May 26, 2003, is a holiday. As such, the present response, which is being sent by facsimile to the Examiner on May 27, 2003, is timely filed.

Applicants and Applicants' representative gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's careful attention to the application and helpful comments made in the telephone Interview held May 21, 2003.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.6 (d)	
I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to: Commissioner for Patents, Attn: Examiner R.G. Hutson - Group Art Unit No. 1652, P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below:	
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I. AMENDMENTS

A. In the Title

Please amend the Title as follows:

FUSION PROTEINS METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING PROTEASES, PROTEASE TARGET
SITES AND REGULATORS OF PROTEASE ACTIVITY IN LIVING CELLS

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